

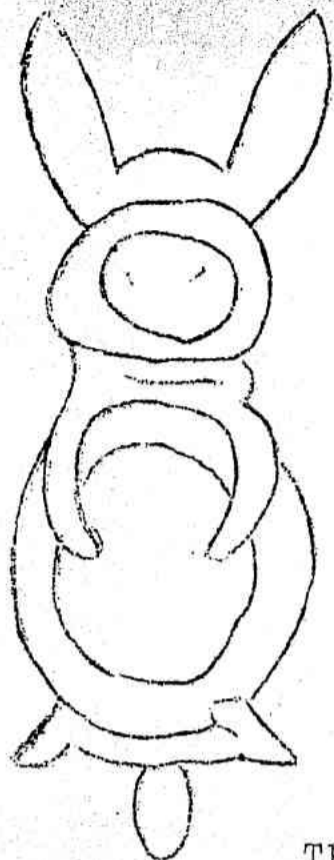
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CANBERRA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION



Hope all you bunnies  
enjoyed Easter

HOME NEWS

KAI-KAI OR CAF?

The S.R.C., in touch as ever with student opinion, at its pre-Easter session was unanimously opposed to the present name of the new College hashhouse: present, that is, for the authorities, since for student purposes the meeting gave effect to its feelings.

Sydneysiders supported Beverly and Refectory; Melburnians the Caf—but eventually all agreed in principle on an aboriginal name. Unhappily Dandenong, signifying "no good damper", was the only relevant word anyone could recall, so the meeting settled on the Neo-Melanesian Kai-Kai (= food). This shortened nicely to the Kai, and left everyone happy—except with the off-peak tea price of eightpence a cup.

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FOREIGN NEWS

ORR STONED

Prof. Orr, after so much else, has had his home stoned and windows smashed by the scion of a Hobart family. The Hobart "Mercury", friends of the family, suppressed mention; "Togatus" and the Melbourne "Sun" did not.

Tasmanian University students marched in protest against the Hobart paper's implicit encouragement of this sort of victimization. The "Togatus" report indicates that they were fully justified by a conspiracy of inaction on the part of press and police which could have lost Prof. Orr the common citizen's right to be protected from assault: assault, because the stones appear to have been aimed at the

In the event, despite "Mercury", charges have been laid and the assailant will be brought before the courts.

GAIR STAINED

When, as sometimes happens, this student body is asked by other university groups for moral support, it is usually unwilling to disappoint or disillusion the askers by sending a resolution passed by "this General Meeting of eight students of the C.U.C.S.A."

Queensland, however, asked the S.R.C. as such for support in their opposition to their Premier's plan for Government semi-control of university staff appointments. Saved the need of showing our weakness, we would have been happy to assist in saving this particular snippet of academic freedom, but WORONI did not know of Queensland S.R.C.'s request until the afternoon of the Lord Mayor of Brisbane's protest meeting, and the President not till a couple of hours later.

So we missed our chance—but still support U. of Q.

S.R.C. NOTES

C.A.B. Those who signed their names to a subscription list for Current Affairs Bulletins in 3d Term last year and then forgot the whole matter are now requested to pay their subscriptions to Treasurer Alf McCarthy and collect their accumulated back issues from the Common Room.

College Blazers. The College blazer is black with gold and Canberra blue. There are very few of them in Canberra. Some full-timers want blazers, and they will be stocked by some Canberra stores if there is sufficient demand. The price would be around seven guineas. If you are a part-timer and interested, please inform the Secretary of the S.R.C., on J1818.

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TERSE VERSE

Air: Gundagai

How the roars of applause mingled with the critic's snores,  
That critic from the "Canberra Times":  
When we moved to the finale, he simply murmured "Charley,  
Pass the morphine if you please;  
Now 'pontifical's a word I've been dying to use,  
So 'pontifical humour' is what I'll abuse."  
Oh my dear, ain't it queer how the students all revere  
The critic from the "Canberra Times".

Should we stay well away from a laugh at M.R.A.  
And misprints in the "Canberra Times"?  
Though the audience adored it, the critic still deplored it,  
And called us all buffoons:  
Now, our singing may be tuneless, our satire clean,  
We may leave out strip-teasers, have little obscene,  
But there's nothing on earth for provoking people's mirth  
Like misprints in the "Canberra Times".

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Canberra University College Students' Association will be held in the Student Common Room at 8.30 p.m. on Thursday 16th May.

Business to be transacted:

- Consideration of Annual Report
- Consideration of Financial Statements
- Declaration of S.R.C. Elections
- Elections for Association offices not filled by the S.R.C. Elections (e.g. Auditors, woman member of S.R.C.)
- Consideration of the following motions:
- That this General Meeting of the C.U.C.S.A. condemns the South African Government's action in forcing apartheid on the South African Universities; that it regards this action as entirely opposed to the principle of academic freedom; and that it instructs the Secretary to convey this resolution to N.U.A.U.S., N.U.S.A.S., and the South African High Commissioner and Government. (Masterman)
- That the S.R.C. be permitted if it think fit to seek admission of the Association to N.U.A.U.S. as a full member. (Carroll)
- Any other business brought forward.

JOAN L. THOMSON  
Secretary, S.R.C.

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AND ANOTHER

NEWSPAPER SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - EARLY MAY - SEE MAIN NOTICE BOARD

S.R.C. elections - nominations close 2d May - Annual General Meeting 16th May

EDITORIAL

NOW OR NEVER ?

The College Council is, WORONI has heard from separate sources, considering some form of tighter control of the Students' Representative Council. This could blow up into an academic freedom issue that will, for us at least, leave Queensland in the shade.

In the nature of the case we have no full details, but it sounds as though Council might want some form of censorship for Revue and a hand in the control of Student Association funds, together with closer oversight of full-timers' ways of spending their time.

It will be understood that in commenting on these proposals, WORONI is likely to go off half-cocked, but in our experience any sort of opposition before a decision is worth more than the most firmly-founded counter-case presented too late.

Revue trod on a lot of toes this year - unfortunately twenty of them belonged to Council members. But Revue also attracted a great many people to the College, amused them (or so they thought) greatly, and added 25% to Student Association revenue. Besides this, it offered students an excellent opportunity to "have a go" - both at taking part and at many subjects suitable for ridicule.

We feel that the difference between this and earlier revues was the bite in this one - TeeVeeAlities hit at the ridiculous rather than the funny. No-one likes to be ridiculed; their remedy is to avoid being ridiculous.

We feel also that, unless TeeVeeAlities was actually libellous, seditious or odscene, Council would be exceeding its function in taking virtuous umbrage at its comments. Censorship is for the law, and the law alone. If Council censors Revue, WORONI will be the next to go - and no worth-while Editor will touch it then.

It is to the full-timers that both we and Council are looking to make this a real University; this is the first year we have had enough full-timers to count in student life, and for many of them it is still rather early days, but the curbs that might conceivably be useful this year will prevent students eventually achieving that responsibility which will permit the situation to right itself.

What makes all this so unfortunate is that it need not have happened - one student representative on Council, which the SRC sought three years ago, would have been able to allay the bugaboos which must have infested the Council Room to bring Council to its apparent present state of mind.

John F. Bawell

CANBERRA UNIVERSITY LAW SOCIETY  
NOTES.

1. Pursuant to a decision of their first Annual General Meeting, the Canberra University Law Society approached the S.R.C. for financial support. They asked for an initial grant of approximately £100 and for subsequent annual grants of the full amount which the S.R.C. receives of the Association membership fees of all law students. It was stated that the amounts had been carefully considered by the Executive of the Law Society and that it was felt the amounts requested were not excessive.

The S.R.C. also gave the amounts careful consideration and passed a provisional motion allowing a grant of £10 to a club first raising £5, which the Law Society had not at that stage done.

These are the facts. But underneath them we find an assortment of explanatory facts: firstly, this was the first time the S.R.C. had been asked to consider a grant to a new club and had to remember that its actions in this case would be quoted as a precedent. (Moreover the aim of the S.R.C. is not to subsidise any group of people who decide to form themselves in to a club for buying soft-drinks or some such and ask for a grant of £x initially, and annual return of their Students Association fees.) Secondly, the maximum possible membership of the Law Society is the 40 law students enrolled at the College and the grant asked for is somewhat more than forty four hundred and fifty-eths of Student Association revenue. Thirdly, it appeared that most of the things to be bought by the Law Society if the grant came through were duplicates of facilities already provided in the Common Room, Library, etc.

It may be pointed out in passing that if any club can give a detailed itemisation of its proposed expenditure the S.R.C. will be prepared to help finance any things it considers desirable. But the grant, particularly to a club catering for a small sectional interest, cannot often be a grant of a quarter of S.R.C. revenue. Although it has the policy to encourage such genuine clubs as this, it is not going to curtail its ability to cater for students generally.

2. Freeman v. Blackhurst Society.

This case, taken on a constitutional point before the Berracan Supreme Court, will come on for hearing on the third day of May, 1957, at 8.00 p.m. WORONI, always keenly interested in student affairs and student brawls, is sending along two reporters. WORONI readers will thus be assured of a pure and unvarnished expose of the facts, arguments and decision in the case, and will not be subjected to lying propaganda to be included in the official Law Report of the case.

3. It has also been murmured in the ear of this reporter that in order to raise the £5 stipulated by the S.R.C., the full-time law students have been trying to enforce membership of their club among their people. This is -

- (i) unconstitutional and undemocratic,
- (ii) unsuccessful, and
- (iii) likely to afford some support to some prominent non-Law identities who have been trying to join this club.

4. This reporter, who is himself completely impartial, hopes any or all Arts and Commerce readers have at least realised the existence of the Canberra University Law Society and will join the Movement to have it open to all who want to join.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ye Boteri? Ye Gods!

Sir,

"Rightly to be great" says the Swan of Avon, "is greatly to find quarrel in a straw", and who will gainsay this most perspicacious of poets? Yet if this is so, surely even the meanest of mortals must arise and register his protest when a great outrage is perpetrated.

Every student possessed of an I.Q. higher than 40 - which should include at least half the student body - is now aware that a cafeteria service now exists for students and staff. My quarrel, sir, is not with the institution of such a service (indeed I cannot laud it too highly), but rather with the absurd name bestowed.

For some unknown reason we find our cafeteria masquerading as a buttery. And making a very poor fist of it. The most cursory examination reveals how jejune is its boast. Where are the ales to refresh our jaded coffee-worn palates, and the cider to rejuvenate our Leontief-numbered brain cells? Apparently a deliberate attempt is afoot to hoodwink the student body, to offer Tarax as Tooths, to press a counterfeit note into our hands.

Even those of us with nothing more than a nodding acquaintance with Latin know that butta is not a sausage roll, nor a pie - but a CASK. What person enjoying the above-mentioned I.Q. will make a fool of himself fishing around inside a cask for sausage rolls or entrees, or opening a pie with hopes of finding a stoup of frothing ale? The humblest of us is familiar with that reference in English Gilds (1389) "Whoso entre into ye boteri yer ye ale lytz..." What could be clearer? Again, who will feign an ignorance of those immortal lines in Scott's Woodstock - "When the pantry has no bread, and the buttery no ale..." Wherever we turn, be it Hooker, Shakespeare, Pepys or Smollett, we find our buttery is a storeroom for liquor.

In the great English colleges the buttery was the room where food and liquor were dispensed, and the entry of one's name in the buttery-book was the shibboleth of the resident.

In these latter days, with the triumph of the HEN-party, (Higher Education for Nitwits) irresponsible characters (namely us) are permitted to profane the hallowed portals, and a caf rather than a buttery is the most suitable place where such types may ruminate upon the Meaning Of It All - a liquor licence would probably be abused.

But why copy "other Australian universities" in such a psittacine fashion? A rose is a rose is a rose, but a buttery without a butt is but an ort. Let us then not quail before the Truth, but let us drain our cups of tea to the lastbitter dregs, and wish long life to the - CAF.

"Postera Crescam Laude"  
(ARTS IV)

Dear Sir,

The recent formation of the Law Society must not be allowed to pass unnoticed. This society - obviously designed for the feathering of the lawyers' nests and the victimization of non-law students - is an anti-democratic and factional group which should be fought tooth and nail by all students interested in the welfare of the College. With a constitution framed to exclude any student not taking a law subject and enforcing membership willy-nilly on the unfortunate lawyers, this gang of embryo fascists has had the unbounded cheek to ask the S.R.C. (according to reliable sources) for an initial grant of "approximately £100" !

Who can tell where such unethical - nay illegal - procedure will stop? Who can prevent the Law Society from exacting dues from every student - or at any rate obtaining immense sums of money from them by way of the S.R.C.?

Rumour has it that the Law Society intends to stack the next General Meeting (May 16th) and instruct the S.R.C. to meet their ridiculous demands. THE S.R.C. MUST OBEY THIS INSTRUCTION. Thus it is in the interests of every student to foil these plans by voting them out at this meeting.

I remain, Sir,  
In deepest disgust,  
SLURPLE.

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ANNUAL  
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MEETING



COMMON ROOM  
8 15 FRIDAY  
26TH APRIL

TO NIGHT (BRING AN OFFICE BEARER,  
BY AN OFFICE BEARER)

CUDA NOTES

CUDA, the Canberra University Darts Association (not to be confused with CUDS), at a Thursday General Meeting amended its Constitution. The amendments provide for a 30/- membership fee and compulsory membership of the Association for all students taking Law subjects. These members will have no voting rights, and will not be allowed to use the dart-board.

Subscriptions must be paid to the Secretary by 1st May. If the results of Freeman v. Blackhurst Society are satisfactory, legal action will be taken against any member refusing to pay his subscription.

Professor "Cream-of-the-University" Fleming, pin-up boy of the Law Society, is leaving in September for nine months of guest lecturership in California—taking our envious good wishes.

And, of course, if some of you don't take pen in hand shortly and write something to or for WORONI, the third issue will be as much delayed as the second. A year's WORONIs contain about 18,000 words; that is about 40 from each of you. Send in your share at once.

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